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Bowman to talk racism

DIVERSITY

Mayor's event will highlight steps made in Winnipeg toward inclusion



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One year from the day Maclean's magazine labelled Winnipeg the most racist city in Canada, the city's mayor is hosting an event to recognize the community's efforts towards change.

"We've converted an ugly headline to a very heartwarming response as a community and it's something that I think all Winnipeggers should be proud of," Bowman said Wednesday.

This Friday, Bowman says city hall will play host to a celebration of community members and efforts made towards greater inclusion, and will also act as a starting point for what steps

can be taken next.

"I'm really looking forward to it. I think it is a significant opportunity for our community to really show the nation what we're made of."

The now-infamous article chronicled numerous examples of racism and violence experienced by indigenous people in the city.

Since it was published, Bowman notes the biggest change he's seen amongst those in the city is a shift in tone and more discussion around reconciliation.

"If the article acted as a catalyst for greater action on our collective part, then that's a positive thing."

Bowman says the article's author, Nancy Macdonald, has been invited to Friday's event, as she was to the mayor's national summit on racial inclusion last fall.

"We're still going to have challenges. I'm not going to be announcing we've ended racism 'cause we won't be, and we probably never will," he said.

"Are we dealing with it as head-on as possible? I think the unequivocal answer is 'Yes.'"

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IN BRIEF

Local gas prices fall below 70 cents a litre
Winnipeg's gas prices are plunging, and have hit below 70 cents per litre at some stations.

Gas prices at two Costco stations were posted at 69.9 on Wednesday morning, with Shell and Red River Co-Op stations posting 75.4 per litre at the same time.

Consumers have been waiting for prices to drop as the price of oil fell to \$27 a barrel on Wednesday. However, the weakening Canadian dollar has offset that price slide, say experts.

Costco typically has cheaper gas prices as it offers its members a price break. METRO

Teen arrested after stabbing on Portage Ave.

A 20-year-old man is in stable condition after being stabbed on Portage Avenue Tuesday evening.

Winnipeg police say the man was found in the 300 block of Portage Avenue at about 8:30 p.m. suffering from stab wounds to the upper body. He was taken to hospital.

Police tracked down a suspect on Fort Street near Graham Avenue and he was arrested without incident. However, police said they were able to link the suspect to another assault that happened on Jan. 15 in the same area.

The victim in that assault was not seriously hurt.

Winnipeg police say they have arrested and detained a boy, 15, and charged him with numerous offences.

METRO

Mayor 'optimistic' on no underpass delays

INFRASTRUCTURE

Project could be pushed to next year if not approved



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Winnipeg's mayor is keeping a positive attitude that despite a recent setback in getting the ball rolling on a \$155 million underpass for Waverley Street, the city's drivers won't be kept waiting.

Brian Bowman was responding to reporters' questions on Wednesday, following an earlier vote by a city committee to stall the approval of adding the multi-million dollar project to the 2016 capital plan until they were more fully briefed.

"This is part of the process at City Hall and elected members have a job to do," he said.

"Drivers that use that route and are stuck behind train after train after train expect us to proceed with that. But we'll let the committee do their work and move forward from there."

The project would see an underpass built at the railway crossing of Waverley Street and Taylor Avenue.

Committee councillors blasted administration for their lack of updates on the plan, while the city's chief administrative officer,



Mayor Brian Bowman speaks to media Wednesday following an earlier vote to stall the approval of adding the multi-million dollar project to the 2016 capital plan. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

cer, Doug McNeil, warned that unless council greenlights the project by next week's meeting, the opening of the underpass would be delayed by one year.

That potential delay is a concern, Bowman said, noting a year setback would cost in excess of \$7 million.

But whether the project goes before next week's council meeting or next month's, he felt "optimistic" the city's



We're going to do everything we can to make sure the costs remain in check and that approval happens.

Mayor Brian Bowman

administration could still move forward with the plan efficiently.

Bowman also remained steadfast in his support of the committee's decision, saying he understands plans are in the works to provide councillors with the information they requested.

"We're going to do everything we can to make sure the costs remain in check and that approval happens."

STUDY

Province needs more flood protection

A report commissioned by Manitoba warns flood protection in the province has dozens of significant weaknesses and needs \$1 billion in upgrades now to prevent billions in damage down the road.

The 1,600-page study details more than 100 vulnerabilities.

It says defences along the Assiniboine River between Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg are particularly weak and suggests that a flood in the area has the potential to cause up to \$2 billion in damage if they fail.

"The flood of 2011 highlighted several potential weak links in the existing flood-control systems. The shortcomings of the system were emphasized again in 2014," says the study by engineering firm KGS Group.

"This escalating trend of flood damages in southwestern Manitoba indicated the need for refocusing on the possible expansion of the flood-protection system that has served the province so well in the past."

The Portage diversion — a channel that moves water from the river to Lake Manitoba — needs \$373 million in upgrades alone, the report says. The diversion has been pushed to overcapacity in recent years and risks mechanical failure, it says. Without upgrades, there is a "potential inability to operate the control structure." The report says dikes along the riverbank also need "urgent attention and upgrading" worth \$273 million.

The province's emergency preparedness is also vulnerable, the study suggests. An unprecedented flood might require mass evacuations, including from the city of Winnipeg, and officials need to prepare for a dike breach or electrical failure which could affect flood-control structures.

"Evacuation on a large scale has not been planned and execution would be fraught with difficulties without prior planning."

It's partly a matter of looking ahead, the report says.

"It may be that such an extreme flood might not occur in southern Manitoba for many years," the study says.

"By that time, many of the engineers, planners, officials who currently have the first-hand knowledge provided by direct experience will no longer be available."

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HERITAGE

Committee greenlights status for Times Change(d) building



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Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg's top committee has OK'd designating three historic south Main street properties with heritage status, but is telling a hotelier interested in developing the site not to run away too quickly.

The city's executive policy committee voted on Wednesday to endorse

the heritage designations for the MacDonald Block, Winnipeg Hotel and Fortune Block — home to the Times Change(d) High and Lonesome Club — as was previously approved by a committee on property development and heritage.

That decision likely brought more disappointment to Toronto-based developer Harry Christakis of #16 Hospitality, who is vying to tear down the buildings to construct a \$35

million, 150-unit hotel.

Granting city protection on the buildings would effectively kill that plan, he said previously.

"There's a lot of surface parking lots that I trust are being looked at by hoteliers," mayor Brian Bowman told Wednesday's committee.

"If the hotel option in this location doesn't pan out we will be very active in supporting alternative sites and locations."

YWG

Airport seeing more passengers



Braeden Jones
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The number of passengers moving through the Winnipeg Richardson International Airport hit record highs for the second consecutive year in 2015.

The airport welcomed 3,778,035 passengers in 2015, which represents a nearly three per cent increase from 2014. Airport authority president

Barry Rempel said the strong numbers indicate a building momentum.

"We are encouraged to see a growing number of people flying to and from Winnipeg," he said. "It is particularly helpful in our efforts with air carriers to increase capacity on existing routes and in attracting new destinations to better serve our community."

In the past decade the airport's passenger count has increased roughly 16 per cent.

CAR ACCIDENT

Mom, daughter in recovery after crash

A mother and her young daughter are recovering in hospital after spending a frigid night huddled together, futilely waiting for help after their car slid off a rural road near Killarney and rolled down an embankment.

According to a GoFundMe page set up to help the family, Kristen Hiebert suffered broken arms, and injuries to her neck, ribs and leg in the crash in southwestern Manitoba on Sunday night.

The temperature at the time was about -23 C with a wind chill making it even colder.

The fundraising page says when no one stopped, the desperate mother mustered the strength the next morning to crawl to the road and flag down a passing motorist.

STARS Air Ambulance was dispatched to the scene at about 6 a.m., and Hiebert was airlifted to Winnipeg.

Loved ones started the fund-raising page to help with the recovery costs, and has already raised \$18,000 as of press deadline.

"Kristen has undergone several surgeries and is recovering in Winnipeg at the Health Science Centre," reads an update on the page Wednesday afternoon.

Kristen was able to have a short visit with Avery last evening. It is a very emotional time for both mother and daughter. The events of the past few days have been almost unfathomable.

"The outpouring of support and love shown by the community and beyond has exceeded our wildest expectations. Please continue to donate as this recovery process will be long and hard. Thank you again for all of your heartfelt support and donations."

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Avery Hiebert suffered only cuts and frostbite on one foot, but her mother required several surgeries. COFUNDME



A sushi burrito at Chosabi Asian Eatery on Wednesday. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

It's sushi on the go

FOOD

Burrito concept caters to lunch crowd in the Exchange



A longtime restaurateur's newest shop in Winnipeg's Exchange features a unique dish, the first of its kind in the city: the sushi burrito.

"The idea came from us growing up, eating sushi most of the time, and you don't always have time to even cut

them," said Cho Venevongsa, founder of the Wasabi restaurant group and new Chosabi Asian Eatery at 100 King St. "You roll them up and you're out the door."

Venevongsa said the sushi burrito concept allows him to serve the downtown lunch crowd, where it's all about speed and quality of service."

"We can make a sushi burrito in less than one minute. The community is supporting us greatly, we're getting a lot of people through the door," he said, adding that even Premier Greg Selinger stopped by.

Chosabi manager Roger Wilkins said the community response since the restaurant opened Dec. 28 has been outstanding.

"We get people that come

We can make a sushi burrito in less than one minute.

Cho Venevongsa, founder of Chosabi Asian Eatery

Wasabi Broadway, he's happy to be serving new customers in an area he thinks is "so up and coming."

Chosabi joins other new eateries in the area, including King + Bannatyne and Bronuts.

"Within the next five years, being in this neighbourhood is going to be huge," Venevongsa said.

Stephanie Scherbain Stroh, Exchange Biz spokesperson, said the Biz feels the Exchange is "in the midst of a renaissance."

"There is something definitely happening, the vibe is upbeat ... and creative," she said. "People are really getting onboard with the neighbourhood these days."

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SURVEY

Canada ranked world's second-best country

The annual schmooze-fest of the rich, powerful, famous and their courtiers in Davos, Switzerland, has already produced splendid news for Canada: We're No. 2 in a new ranking of the best countries in the world.

Released at the World Economic Forum, the survey rated 60 countries across 24 categories.

Germany was first, Canada second, the United Kingdom third, the United States fourth and Sweden fifth.

The survey was prepared by U.S. News and World Report, the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of business and global brand consultants BAV Consulting.

Canada, the survey said, welcomes immigrants and celebrates diversity, draws some of its national identity from

its expansive wilderness, has produced a long list of accomplished writers and artists, and is a high-tech industrial society with a high standard of living.

Former prime minister Brian Mulroney will be pleased to see a nod to the trade agreements of the '80s and '90s that the survey said dramatically bolstered trade with the United States.

"While the service sector is Canada's biggest economic driver, the country is a significant exporter of energy, food and minerals," it said. "Canada ranks third in the world in proven oil reserves and is the world's fifth largest oil producer."

Canadian challenges, it said, are "the concerns of indigenous people" and the perennial matter of relations between Quebec and the rest of the country.

"While constitutional guarantees allow the province wide-ranging cultural and linguistic autonomy, movements for complete independence come in waves."

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SWITZERLAND TRUDEAU ADDRESSES RICH AND POWERFUL Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, accompanied by staff members, walks through town as he heads to a bilateral meeting in Davos, Switzerland, on Wednesday. Trudeau is attending the World Economic Forum where political, business and social leaders gather to discuss world agendas. Trudeau's keynote address at the World Economic Forum framed Canada as a safe place to invest amid global economic uncertainty. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL

Factory drawing refugees

When Syrian refugee Garouj Nazarian is asked how he likes working for his boss, the answer comes in choppy English — but the sentiment shines through.

"So much good," he says with a big smile, offering a thumbs-up to emphasize his joy.

Nazarian, who's been in Canada for about a year, has been working for six months at a Montreal plywood factory owned by Levon Afeyan, who fled Lebanon's civil war with his parents and two brothers in 1975.

Nazarian is one of 12 Syrian refugees among 80 employees and Afeyan intends to hire more as Canada opens its borders to thousands of people fleeing the Assad regime and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Essential to feeling Canadian, Afeyan adds, is to start speaking English and, particularly in Quebec, French.

Starting in March, a teacher subsidized by the Quebec government will offer French lessons twice a week for free — inside his factory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Attack on Pakistan university kills 20

TERRORISM

Concerns rise over whether police can protect state

Once again, Islamic militants stormed a school in northeastern Pakistan in a deadly attack that lasted for hours. And once again, the blood of students and teachers stained classrooms and hallways, raising questions about whether security forces can protect the country's educational institutions.

At least 20 people were killed and 23 were wounded Wednesday in the assault at Bacha Khan University in Charsadda before the four gunmen were slain and the military declared an end to the siege. Two teachers were among the dead, including a chemistry professor who was praised as a hero for shooting back at the attackers.

and allowing some students to escape.

The university attack was grimly reminiscent of the December 2014 massacre at an army public school in Peshawar that killed 150, mostly children.

The violence shows how vulnerable schools remain in Pakistan, where extremists have sought to prevent Western-style education, especially for girls. Teenager Malala Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize after she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012 because of her support for gender equality and education for girls.

Last weekend, several schools were closed after intelligence suggested militants were planning an attack, according to Muhammed Amir Rana, director of the private Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies. A spokesman for the provincial government said the schools were closed as part of a security drill.

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Relatives of victims pray during a candlelight ceremony for the dead and wounded in the Bacha Khan University attack in Peshawar Wednesday. It's estimated that 23 people were wounded, in addition to the 20 killed. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SCIENCE

New evidence points to giant 9th planet

The solar system may have a ninth planet after all.

This one is 5,000 times bigger than outcast Pluto and billions of miles farther away, say scientists who presented "good evidence" for a long-hypothesized Planet X on Wednesday.

The gas giant is thought to be almost as big as its nearest planetary neighbour Neptune, quite possibly with rings and moons. It's so distant that it would take a mind-blowing 10,000 to 20,000 years to circle the sun.

Planet 9, as the pair of California Institute of Technology researchers calls it, hasn't been spotted yet. They base their prediction on mathematical and computer modelling, and anticipate its discovery via telescope within five years or less.

The two reported their research Wednesday in the Astronomical Journal because they want people to help them look for it.

"We could have stayed quiet and quietly spent the next five years searching the skies ourselves and hoping to find it. But I would rather somebody find it sooner, than me find it later," said astronomer Mike Brown, the



This rendering shows the distant view from Planet Nine back towards the sun.

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so-called Pluto killer who helped lead the charge against Pluto's planetary status in 2006. Once Planet 9, Pluto is now officially considered a dwarf planet.

Brown and planetary scientist Konstantin Batygin feel certain about their prediction, which at first seemed unbelievable to even them.

"For the first time in more than 150 years, there's good evidence that the planetary census of the solar system is incomplete," Batygin said.

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WORK TRENDS

Many prefer a business to traditional workplace

Priya Dhillon, a 33-year-old with a PhD in molecular biology, has her sights set on something a lot less scientific: to own an A&W franchise.

The concept is closer to becoming a reality for her now that the Canadian burger giant is actively recruiting and helping millennials scoop up new franchises planned for urban locations, starting with Toronto.

Dhillon represents a predominant entrepreneurial trend among Canadian mil-

lennials, many of whom say they would rather be self-employed than have a traditional workplace with a boss hovering over them.

Based on a recent poll of 5,800 participants in 10 countries, media agency network ZenithOptimedia found global consumers aged 18 to 34 have a "fundamentally different approach" to achieving happiness compared to previous generations.

While baby boomers in their youth were defined as idealists with a free-spirit vibe, millennials seek to gain much more control over their lives to obtain happiness, it found.

"Most millennials told us they valued the freedom and flexibility of new ways of working. Inspired by their peers, including tech entrepreneurs

like (Facebook founder) Mark Zuckerberg, many see running a business they are passionate about as their ultimate goal," says the Pursuit of Happiness study.

Another survey from Intuit shows that one quarter of millennial-age entrepreneurs have never held a full-time job prior to starting out on their own — nearly three times more than entrepreneurs ages 35-54.

"They want to feel empowerment," explains Rob King, director of small business at e-commerce software firm Intuit Canada. "They don't want to work 9-to-5 and they're not as risk averse as others. Plus technology is moving really fast, so they can do a startup out of their basement," he notes.

Seventy-one per cent run their businesses from a smartphone while one-quarter do so from a tablet, says the survey on the new generation of entrepreneurs.

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They don't want to work 9-to-5 and they're not as risk averse as others.

Rob King, director of small business, Intuit Canada

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Priya Dhillon, a millennial who is part of the leadership team in a multi-unit restaurant business owned by her parents in the GTA, photographed at an A&W in Toronto.

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QUEBEC Natural gas from yogurt

A town in southern Quebec is changing the way it looks at yogurt.

Saint-Hyacinthe signed an agreement with Yoplait Liberté last week to transform expired and unusable yogurt into natural gas that it says will be able to heat municipal buildings and power a fleet of city-owned vehicles.

Brigitte Massé, the city's communications director, said a total of 6,500 metric tones of yogurt will be transformed over the course of one year into 375,000 cubic metres of natural gas at a city-run biomethanation facility.

Biomethanation is a process through which organic matter and waste is converted into gas after being heated at high temperatures.

"The production of that 6,500 cubic metres of yogurt will allow us to heat our two largest arenas and aquatics centre in Saint-Hyacinthe for a year with natural gas," Massé said Wednesday.

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“Canada’s news media is undergoing the biggest journalistic fire sale of its history. It is happening under the nose of a political class that is, for the most part, content to look the other way.”

Under the guise of a migration to the digital world, Canada's news media is undergoing the biggest journalistic fire sale of its history. It is taking place on such a scale that it might be more appropriate to call it a liquidation of information-gathering resources, and it is happening under the nose of a political class that is, for the most part, content to look the other way.

Just last week, some columnists were debating whether Ottawa lacked the gravitas one would normally associate with the capital of a G7 country. Detractors of the city that is home to Parliament will soon be able to add soulless newspapers to the list of its alleged shortcomings.

On Tuesday, Postmedia announced that the main print outlets of four of the country's major cities — including the nation's capital — will merge their newsrooms.

In Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Ottawa, the same journalists will report to both the Postmedia and the Sun papers, with their work to be rewritten by editors to suit the style of each outlet.

For more than 100 years, La Presse was known as the largest French-language daily in North America. Since Jan. 1, it is no longer available in print except on Saturday.

The paper's owners are gambling that as its readership moves over to its tablet edition, their bottom line will improve. But the jury is out as to what toll, if any, the shift

will take on the quality and breadth of the province's public conversation.

The parliamentary press gallery is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. Its make-up is a lot more diverse than when I first joined it a few decades ago.

But when it comes to reflecting Canada's regional diversity, the trend has gone the other way with many regional news organizations leaving the Hill, and with other outlets coming to rely on skeleton crews. In the Star's Parliament Hill bureau, there are more empty desks than actual bodies these days.

The print media is not the only casualty of this ongoing meltdown.

Mainstream commercial networks are struggling to adapt to digital viewing habits of their audience — leaving less money to devote to their

news coverage. After decades of budget cuts, Radio-Canada and the CBC are shadows of their former selves.

So far, the reaction of Canada's political class has mostly ranged from indifference to public hand-wringing. On Twitter on Tuesday, the mayors of the cities involved in the cuts expressed regrets at the news. So did Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

But there must be a point when the steady disintegration of the country's fourth estate's news-gathering and news-getting functions becomes a public-policy issue.

There will be some to actually rejoice in the notion that a shrunk news media will have less potential for digging out embarrassing stories. The corruption inquiry in Quebec and the sponsorship scandal on Parliament Hill both had their source in persistent jour-

nalism.

Less short-sighted politicians may consider that they are ignoring this crisis at their own peril. A less informed electorate is more easily manipulated and less engaged. And at a time when parties are toying with notions such as compulsory voting and more participatory democracy, is the decline in political literacy that stands to result from an impoverished information environment a desirable outcome?

On the heels of a three-year study of the Canadian media landscape in 2006, a Senate committee warned that Canada was tolerating a concentration of media ownership that most other countries would find worrisome. And it noted that the consistent depletion of these resources of the country's public broadcaster compounded the problem.

Some take solace in the notion that Trudeau's government is committed to reinvesting in the CBC. But a news environment dominated by one media organization — even the public broadcaster — does not amount to a healthy one.

In any event, what followed the Senate report was a decade of laissez-faire that often saw owners sympathetic to the government of the day given free rein over larger media empires, combined with ever-closer-to-the-bone cuts to the CBC.

What we have today is a weaker public broadcaster in a field of journalistic ruins, and Canada's national fabric is the poorer for it.

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Can't wait to meet your bundle of joy? Well then — don't. Some companies have taken 3D ultrasound imaging to the logical next level: they've started offering 3D-printed fetus replicas to expectant families. And although the idea is off-putting to some (nine weeks into pregnancy, the printout looks somewhat ... reptilian), it's proving popular with U.K. parents. The technology had already been used to help blind mums-to-be who can't view an ultrasound image to "see" their child. But now it's gaining broad appeal, despite the price tag of around \$800 Canadian. A tasteful figurine of just your baby's face and hands, however, is a mere \$360 — and the once-before-a-lifetime moment will never come around again. SOURCE: THE GUARDIAN, PHOTO: WOLFPRINT

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Finding the line between feminist and sensitive snowflake

John Mellish, a 55-year-old P.E.I. man, knows his media ropes.

"You're not live, are you?" he asked when I called. A few radio shock jocks in the central U.S. had gotten to him first. So had about 25 reporters. He hasn't turned down an interview, because talking to media fits with his plan.

"I guess it's obvious," I said. "I'm calling about the sign."

John and his wife Ursula run a used-car business, Mellish Motors, and the dealership's roadside sign has a local reputation for witticisms.

Last Christmas, it was a line about not complaining about the holidays, since "We were already fat in August." "Not everyone shares my sense of humour," John acknowledged.

Then last week, it held this: "Women are like snowflakes. They can't drive."

"It's stupid but it's cute" was John's assessment. (His wife and daughter, he noted, have perfect driving records.)

But Chelsea Ling didn't laugh. She snapped a photo of the sign and posted it to Facebook with the tag: "Well PEI friends..."

It spread quickly, garnering comments, shares and media coverage that snowballed after the Mellishes posted two more signs: "Sensitive women don't read this sign" and "Attention drama queens, auditions for today have been cancelled."

There was also backlash. Someone called John to threaten his life, he told the Toronto Star. On Facebook, Ling said she's received death and rape threats.

All this controversy is not accidental. The Mellishes and Ling both actively stoked debate — if to different ends. John doesn't use social media, but he understood as well as Ling its potential power to make private passions public. As a tool, it's almost a given.

Ling wrote that her goal was to spark discussion about what she saw as unacceptable comments about women.

When Ursula and John followed up about the snowflakes sign, they were expecting personal attacks in order to highlight online negativity. If people were more aware of the consequences, "They might think twice before posting something about a friend or a business owner or a contractor," John said.

Both sides have been using the media to spread their message — about sexism and what's funny, and hate and filth on social media. Now, Ling wants to talk with John, "about all of this crazy," she wrote. Meanwhile, the Mellishes are winding up for more backlash. Yesterday, the sign read: "Sensitive men don't look at tomorrow's sign!"

"You can phone back tomorrow," John offered, "and update on that."

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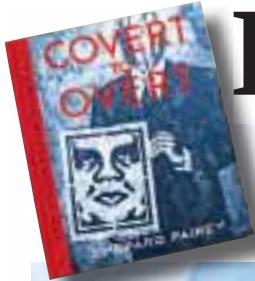
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"I'm not running away from *Vogue*. But it will be nice to collaborate. I'm certainly not going into retirement."
GRACE CODDINGTON ON RESIGNING FROM HER NEARLY 30-YEAR TENURE AS CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF *VOGUE*



Fairey art

Famed street artist Shepard Fairey has left his mark around the world. The book, *Covert to Overt*, compiles all the Obey founder's work since 2010 — two years after his HOPE piece played a role in Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

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Our Fairey City

Toronto was the last stop on Fairey's seven-city mural tour in 2014, with the above mounted at the intersection of Queen Street and Denison Avenue. At the time, Fairey wrote about how much he loved touring the neighbourhood — and the "euphoria" he felt buying a box set of Dead Kennedys singles.



Power and Imperial Glory

In collaboration with printer Jo Watanabe, Fairey drew inspiration from American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein for this pair of large-format prints. The artist has said the latter creation was a comment on the U.S. military industrial complex.

Peace Elephant Mural

This sprawling display decorating the West Hollywood Library was more than 10 times the size of any wall Fairey had painted to that point. Given less than a week to execute the design, Fairey's crew worked 12 to 16 hours per day to complete the work.

Centrefold

Fairey initially blasted his portraits of Fugazi front-man Ian MacKaye and former Black Flag howler Henry Rollins as a massive mural of punk icons in Asbury Park, N.J. The other image, of course, memorializes late Run-D.M.C. DJ Jam Master Jay.

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The Lure, a movie about flesh-eating mermaids working as nightclub singers, is competing in the World Cinema Dramatic Competition at the Park City, Utah film fest. CONTRIBUTED

Sundance features fearless directors

FILM FESTIVAL

Audiences may be shocked by programming lineup

Shock and awe is coming to the Sundance Film Festival, Robert Redford's annual celebration of indie cinema, which begins Thursday in Park City, Utah.

Movies seeking audience gasps as well as applause include *Swiss Army Man*, a bromance between a man and a corpse starring Paul Dano and Daniel Radcliffe. There's also *The Lure*, a musical about a pair of pop-star mermaids who are hungry for love and human flesh. Speaking

of unusual pairs, there are two films, *Christine* and *Kate Does Christine*, one a drama and the other a doc, that investigate the mysterious 1974 on-air suicide of a Florida TV newscaster.

Then there's *Operation Avalanche*, by Toronto's Matt Johnson (*The Dirties*), a conspiracy movie about the Apollo 11 moon landing that threatens to rewrite history and possibly enrage scientists, space freaks and American patriots. These are amongst the 123 features and 72 shorts Sundance will screen from Jan. 21 to 31, many of them world premieres.

Scary movies have long been associated with the Sundance: *The Blair Witch Project*, *Saw*, *The Babadook* and *The Witch* all earned their first shrieks in

Park City. For the most part, such films have been safely confined to Sundance's Midnight program, which is similar to TIFF's popular Midnight Madness slate. This year it seems they're populating the more mainstream sections, including the dramatic and documentary competitions.

"It's true!" says Sundance festival director John Cooper, in an interview from his L.A. office before leaving for Park City. "I think this fearlessness is coming from the filmmakers themselves. They're not worrying so much about the end success of their films, because so many of them get picked up to go on a platform that's not even theatrical, more and more. They know that audiences are just going to find them." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Maybe change this show's name to Crybaby Cop

THE SHOW: *Shades of Blue*, Season 1, Episode 2 (Global/NBC)
THE MOMENT: *The Crying*

In her boss's bathroom, New York City police officer Harlee Santos (Jennifer Lopez) talks by phone to her 16-year-old, Christina. Harlee just learned that Christina has snuck off to a nightclub.

"Don't drive with someone who's been drinking," Harlee says. Her eyes fill with tears. Christina can't hear her, but Harlee keeps talking anyway. "Be true to yourself," she says, crying openly now. "Someday you'll have a daughter, and she'll be the best part of your life." She slumps against the sink, overcome.

Okay, Harlee is under pressure. She, her boss Matt (Ray Liotta, scary), and their crew take bribes. The FBI caught her and



Weeping on demand in *Shades of Blue*. CONTRIBUTED

made her turn rat. Matt is about to give her a polygraph. If this were the first time Harlee wept, we'd understand.

But this is episode two, and already Harlee has wept — copiously — many times. She wept in the opening scene of episode one.

She wept at her daughter's school concert. She wept when the FBI caught her. So free and frequent is her weeping, this show should be called *Crybaby Cop*. Or maybe *Shades of Boo-Hoo*.

Eyes-filling-with-tears is a handy acting skill, and Lopez is clearly eager to show hers off. She also looks pretty when she cries, unlike, say, me. But given that Harlee is supposed to be a hardened, hard-ass cop, I find her crying off-putting. Did she weep during drills at the academy?

Not since Claire Danes in *Homeland* has an allegedly professional woman been so easily overcome on the job. Nut up, Harlee.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Location is key to 24Seven living

Project overview

It's all about location at 24Seven Condominiums. Nestled between the Red and Assiniboine rivers, the development offers easy access to Osborne Village to the west and The Forks to the east — and everything in between. Forty-eight condos are up for grabs next month. It's the second phase of the Village Junction project that quickly sold out when it hit the market.

Location and transit

Near Donald Street at 247 River Ave., residents will be a stone's throw away from major routes offering access to Osborne Street, Pembina Highway, Donald Street, Main Street and Broadway Avenue. It's a mere 200 meters to the Rapid Transit Harkness Station, which offers speedy service to the north and south.

In the neighbourhood

Next door is the Mayfair Community Club which includes b-ball courts, handball, tennis, a big green space with benches and indoor gym. Within easy walking distance is the Winnipeg Winter Club, Winnipeg Squash Racquet Club, grocery shopping, restaurants and boutiques in Osborne Village. Broadway, The Forks and downtown are just a short jaunt over the bridge.

Housing Amenities

Nine-foot ceilings set the stage for these open-concept, loft-style layouts that feature barn doors, huge closets, triple pane windows and plenty of high-end finishes. The common room's vintage-modern library theme is equally inviting for group gatherings as it is for a solo afternoon of reading. Oversized parking stalls are a nice touch.

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Four tips for an organized home



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Professional tips to get your place in order for 2016

There's a reason you haven't started that "get organized" New Year's resolution yet, and the reason is simple: It's an overwhelming chore.

Well, for most of us at least. You see, some people not only enjoy finding order in the chaos, but they enjoy it so much they've made it into a career. Before you forget all about your 2016 pledge, we hit up some professional organizers for their top tips.

1 Start small

If you resolved to learn to cook this year, you wouldn't start with hosting a six-course dinner party. Likewise, you don't want to kick off your organizing plan with a garage overhaul. "The junk drawer is the perfect starter project because it's a microcosm of your entire home," says New York-based organizer Jeni Aron, owner of Clutter Cowgirl. "You

can sort your junk drawer in a half-hour to an hour. And then you can move on to a bigger challenge with confidence."

2 Get a handle on your paperwork

You know those papers on your coffee table? Well, more are coming in tomorrow's mail. The good news? It's fairly simple to get a handle on.

"A quick solution is to gather all your current papers in one place and divide everything into three piles: To Do, To Read and To File," advises Debbie Lillard, author of *A Mom's Guide to Home Organization*. "If unopened mail is included in that pile of paperwork, open it and discard envelopes and excess materials. Then tackle one pile at a time until you are caught up. Just having it all in one place will make you feel more in control."

3 Confront the closet

More than any other space, closets are prone to becoming cluttered, daunting pits. "If you haven't worn something in a year, you probably won't wear it again," says New York-based organizer Aly

Finkelstein, of Organized by Aly. "Scan your closet and then bag all of your unwanted clothes for either resale or, preferably, donation." While you're in there, she says to replace those warped, mismatched, clothes-snagging hangers — it's the new year, after all.

4 Think digital

Organizing isn't limited to your physical space these days. You know all of those pictures floating around in your email and text messages? Rescue them before they float away into the digital ether. "Organizing last year's digital photos is the type of project you can accomplish in an afternoon," says Philadelphia-area professional organizer Crystal Sabalaske, owner of Cluttershrink. "Search by year, select those you want to print and then file everything away in dated folders." Next up? The owner's manuals to your electronics. Sabalaske suggests rounding them up, deciding which ones are important to keep then filing away by room.

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ELLEN CHALLENGES OUR PERCEPTIONS OF WHAT A CHAIR IS

Pull up a chair for season 2 of Ellen's Design Challenge

For most of us, the word "chair" probably brings to mind a single, universal image.

But the fact is, the range of furniture is limitless and ever-growing, always inspiring further innovations. Anyone

doubting that is welcome to

tune into Ellen's Design Challenge, which returns for its second season Monday at 9 p.m. EST on HGTV.

The second year of the design competition will showcase 10 candidates who will sketch, design and build innovative furniture with the hope of outlasting their rivals and, at the end, receiving the \$100,000 prize. On every

episode, these competitors will face new design challenges as each is paired with an expert carpenter to fulfil that week's assignment.

"It's got the drama of their having to come up with ideas while trying to make a deadline," says DeGeneres, who will make the occasional surprise appearance.

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TENNIS

Bouchard takes positives from loss

Canadian Eugenie Bouchard admitted her heart was pounding during an Australian Open second-round defeat against fourth seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland. But the 21-year-old from Quebec took that as a good sign as she lost 6-4, 6-2 Wednesday in what she called "the biggest match I've played in a while against the toughest opponent by far since my comeback from injury."

"It was my toughest test, I did OK," Bouchard said of the 90-minute contest in the showcase Rod Laver Arena.



It was my toughest test (since my injury), I did OK.

Eugenie Bouchard

The Canadian is coming back from a concussion suffered in a fall in the locker-room at the U.S. Open last year. She leaves the Grand Slam in Melbourne with wins in seven of her last 10 matches.

Earlier Wednesday, Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Vasek Pospisil of Vancouver made it through to the second round of men's doubles. Earlier this month, Nestor became the first player in ATP Tour history to record 1,000 doubles victories.

No. 13 seed Milos Raonic of Thornhill, Ont., will face unseeded Spaniard Tommy Robredo late Wednesday in second-round play.

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Eugenie Bouchard GETTY IMAGES

Halfway into the season, here's the rookie report

VIEW FROM THE 300S

Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson



After making the playoffs last year, the Winnipeg Jets made an organizational decision in the off-season to move on without a number of veteran players and go young. Now, just past the halfway mark of the season, it's clear in the standings there have been considerable growing pains, but plenty of hope for the team's long-term outlook.

JC Lipon became the sixth rookie to skate for the Jets when he made his NHL debut Monday night at MTS Centre. We're far from being able to judge Lipon's NHL career trajectory, but here is our mid-season look at the Jets' freshman class of 2015-16:

Nikolaj Ehler, 13th overall in 2014 (46GP 8G 9A 17PTS) —

The most hyped rookie coming into the season, Ehlers had a great start to his NHL career with four goals in his first nine games. An extended slump followed, along with time on the third line, but Ehlers seems to have found his confidence playing alongside Mathieu Perreault and production has trended back up. Ehlers is a fast, talented and exciting player and will be a huge part of this team going forward.

Nic Petan, 43rd overall in 2014 (14GP 1G 0A 1PTS) —

An offensive dynamo in junior, Petan had a great pre-season and made the Jets out of camp. He showed flashes of brilliance early in the regular season but was miscast in a fourth-line role. The team wisely sent him to the Moose to play more and get used to the pros. With 15 points in 23 AHL games, Petan still has great potential and should be in the Jets mix again next season.

Joel Armia, 16th overall in 2011 (15GP 2G 0A 2PTS) —

One of the pieces acquired by the Jets in the blockbuster Evander Kane trade last season, Armia did not have a great camp and started the season with the Moose. Called up in December he played sparingly on the fourth line most nights, but has now shifted into a bigger role due

Andrew Copp, 104th overall in 2013 (42GP 1G 3A 4PTS) —

Joined the Jets out of the University of Michigan and has spent the season centring the Jets fourth line. Playing with a number of different linemates, Copp has averaged around seven minutes a game. While production has been limited, he has the size and skating ability to be an effective depth forward.

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Number of goals promising rookie Nikolaj Ehlers scored in his first 9 NHL games before a slump to the third line.

to injury. The six-foot-three, 205-pound forward has NHL size and speed and has recently shown some glimpses of real offensive upside. Armia needs to continue to make the most of the opportunity presented with so many forwards out of the lineup.

Connor Hellebuyck, 130th overall in 2012 (19GP 2.00 GAA .932 SV%)

Starting his second pro season with the Moose, Hellebuyck was thought to be the Jets goalie of the future at the start of the current campaign. After an injury to Ondrej Pavelec in November, the future is now. Hellebuyck has been brilliant since taking over as the Jets' No. 1 and will likely be one of the two goalies on the under-23 team in the World Cup. Of all the Jets rookies this season, Hellebuyck has had the biggest positive impact. The Michigan native looks like the long-term answer for the Jets at the most important position in hockey.



Connor Hellebuyck looks like he has the skills necessary to be the Jets' long-term goalie for the future. GETTY IMAGES

BASEBALL

Goldeyes keep hold of manager Forney

The Winnipeg Goldeyes have extended field manager Rick Forney's contract through the 2018 season, the team announced Wednesday.

Forney has piloted the team through 19 seasons heading into the 2016 campaign, during which he guided the team to eight winning seasons, including seven playoff berths and the 2012 American Association

Championship. GM Andrew Collier said Forney is "one of the most successful managers in independent baseball history."

Indeed, the Goldeyes sport a .563 winning percentage under Forney's leadership, a statistic that makes him the third-winningest field manager in the American Association.

.563

Goldeyes' win percentage under Forney.

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IN BRIEF

Stampeders release NFL-bound Rogers

The Calgary Stampeders have given CFL-receiving-yards leader Eric Rogers his release in order to allow him to sign a contract with an NFL team. Rogers, who was expected to sign with the San Francisco 49ers, was scheduled to become a free agent on Feb. 9.

"Eric has an agreement in place with an NFL club and we are granting him his release," Stampeders GM John Hufnagel said Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Riders' QB Durant to take pay cut for team

After having suffered season-ending injuries the last two years, quarterback Darian Durant took another hit for the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Durant gave the Roughriders a discount when he signed a new one-year deal with the club Tuesday.

He was scheduled to earn roughly \$500,000 in 2016, the final year of a contract he signed after leading Saskatchewan to the 2013 Grey Cup.

Durant agreed to one season

at less money to give new head coach/GM Chris Jones more cap flexibility following Saskatchewan's league-worst 3-15 record last season.

"Football is the ultimate team sport and I can't get it done by myself, no one can," Durant said. "The better personnel we can have around myself and the team the better our chances (for) success."

Durant will reportedly earn about \$450,000 this season.

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